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SUBJECT: TURKISH PROPOSALS

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM NIMETZ

1. I READ WITH INTEREST YOUR REPORT OF ELEKDAG'S CONCERNS. THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE HIM, OR OTHER SENIOR GOT OFFICIALS, YOU MIGHT PASS ALONG THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTS.

2. INTERVENTION WITH THE UN. WE HAVE NOT BEEN INACTIVE IN THIS REGARD. SINCE MY RETURN, I HAVE SPOKEN TWICE WITH BRIAN URQUHART AND JUST LAST WEEKEND THE SECRETARY
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HAD A PRIVATE MEETING WITH WALDHEIM. WE HAVE STRESSED THAT THE TURKISH SIDE IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN GOOD FA,TH EFFORTS TO PREPARE REASONABLE PROPOSALS ON BOTH CONSTITU-TION AND TERRITORY. WE HAVE CAUTIONED THAT THEY BE VIEWED AS OPENING POSITIONS AND NOT AS FINAL OFFERS TO BE ACCEPTED OR REJECTED BY THE CYPRIOT SIDE. WE EXPLAINED THAT THE TURKS INTEND TO BRIEF THE SECGEN ORALLY, AND I

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GAVE URQUHART SOME GOOD REASONS WHY THIS IS A BETTER APPROACH THAN RECEIVING THEM IN WRITING (IT DOES NOT PUT THE SECGEN ON THE SPOT TO ENDORSE OR CRITIQUE A WRITTEN

PROPOSAL), AND HAVE URGED THE UN TO MOVE TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS QUICKLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY THE TURKS. WE HAVE ALSO QUIETLY SUGGESTED THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE SCHEDULING OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS -- ALWAYS ASSUMING THAT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS ARE SUFFICIENT-LY FORTHCOMING.

3. TURKISH REQUEST FOR PUBLIC WARNING TO CYPRIOTS. AT NO POINT DID I UNDERTAKE TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CYPRIOTS SHOULD NOT REJECT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS, ALTHOUGH SUCH A PUBLIC INDICATION MIGHT BE POSSIBLE AFTER WE KNOW WHAT'S IN THE PROPOSALS. AT THE SAME TIME, ELEKDAG SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IN PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH THE GREEKS AND THE CYPRIOTS, WE HAVE BEEN MOST BLUNT IN OUR URGINGS THAT THEY RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY TURKISH PROPOSALS. YOU MAY DRAW ON MY CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU (STATE 59138) WHERE I TOLD HIM WE COULD NOT ALLOW A MERE CYPRIOT REJECTION TO SERVE AS A VETO OVER U.S. POLICY. WE HAVE ALSO HAD USEFUL MEETINGS WITH VISITING SENIOR BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN OFFICIALS TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT IN OUR EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE THE GREEK SIDE TO
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ACCEPT THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR NEGOTIATIONS. WE PLAN TO TALK WITH YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS DURING THE TITO VISIT TO AT LEAST GET THEIR UNDERSTANDING IF NOT SUPPORT. WE HAVE TAKEN A SIMILAR LINE IN OUR BRIEFINGS FOR CONCERNED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. FYI: FRANK JUDD'S VISIT TO CYPRUS CAME IMMEDIATELY UPON HEELS OF MY DISCUSSION WITH HIBBERT. WE HAVE ALSO TOLD THE EUROPEANS THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR THEM TO ENCOURAGE THE TURKS TO BE AS FORTH-COMING AS POSSIBLE IN THEIR PROPOSALS. OUR NEXT BI-MONTHLY CYPRUS REPORT, AND A PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO THE KYPRIANOU LETTER, WHICH WE ARE NOW PREPARING, WILL PROBABLY ALSO ADDRESS THESE POINTS. END FYI.

4. THE DELAYED TURKISH SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS. WE CAN WELL SYMPATHIZE WITH TURKISH FRUSTRATION WHEN UNINFORMED JOURNALISTS SPECULATE THAT THE TURKS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELAY AND ASSIGN EVIL MOTIVES FOR SAME. WE APPRECIATE THAT TURKS HAVE NOT WANTED TO COMPLICATE SUMMIT ATMOSPHERE BY ENGAGING IN STERILE DEBATE. WE HAVE, IN EFFECT, TAKEN LEAD FROM GOT AND HAVE NOT OFFERED COMMENT ON REASONS FOR DELAY. IN PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH GREEKS AND CYPRIOTS, WE HAVE NOTED NO COMPLAINTS FROM THEM ON THIS SCORE.

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5. MESSAGE FROM ECEVIT (ANKARA 1760) WAS RECEIVED LATE
IN DAY AFTER THIS MESSAGE WAS PREPARED. WE ARE STUDYING
IT CAREFULLY AND CONSIDERING POSSIBLE REPLY. VANCE

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